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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

SUBJECT : NPIC Survey

1. You will remember that the DCI instructed me, along with others, last week to recommend to him a suitable method of conducting the survey of NPIC techniques and methods which he wanted done. On Saturday, 23 January, I discussed the subject with the DCI privately and recommended that he make this an IG project, that it be carried out promptly and with great thoroughness and that an exceptionally well-qualified team be drafted to conduct the survey. I explained that we would have difficulty in getting outside technical specialists to serve full time on an IG team and, therefore, suggested that we try to get as an outside consultant on a part-time basis for the IG team one or more of the following well-qualified men -

[redacted] The DCI agreed with these concepts and has asked me to try to get the survey launched on this basis.

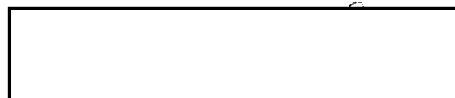
2. In discussing the project, I arrived at the impression that the DCI wanted a comprehensive review of adequacy of staffing, efficiency of PI methodology and procedures, and effectiveness of technical equipment used in intelligence read-out. The aim of the survey should be to focus on all devices which might best ensure that the full intelligence content available in photography is being exploited by the PI's and turned into evaluated intelligence for the benefit of the intelligence community. The only specific thoughts which seem to be in the mind of the DCI were (a) it may be possible to develop and use stereo scan equipment to assist in search that would improve our capability to spot new intelligence targets; and (b) full exploitation of back materials under the research guidance of

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expert analysts may require a greater number of competent PI's than the present T/O provides.

3. As I told you today, I am deeply concerned about the possibility that we have been increasing the volume of film which NPIC is supposed to search and exploit beyond the level contemplated when the last staffing pattern was adopted for NPIC. The competition for PI resources at the Center in support of analytical tasks of a high priority is now severe. I hope that you will be able to move rapidly to set up your team to make this survey and that the results will be promptly forwarded. You may be sure that NPIC and other DDI components will cooperate fully.



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